लाभ/हानि

(लाख रुपए में)

वर्ष	लाभ (+)/घटा (—)
1990–91	(–) 1.68
1991–92	(–) 2.11
1992–93	(–) 0.41

Production of Cashewnut /

6014. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of cashewnuts in the country is sufficient to meet its internal and external requirement;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that its demand is likely to reach seven lakh tonnes by the turn of the century; and

(d) whether any plan has been finalised to meet the situation and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It is roughly estimated that the demand of raw cashewnuts both for export and internal consumption is likely to reach 6 lakh tonnes by 2000 AD.

(d) In order to achieve production target of 6 lakh tonnes of cashewnut by 2000 AD, programmes are being implemented for development of cashew during 8th Plan with an outlay of 48.00 crores. The short term and long term measures being implemented for increasing production of cashewnuts include:—

(i) Increasing area under cashew through new planting and replanting with clones in an area of 42,700 ha. and 10,000 ha. respectively.

(ii) Intensive cultivation to improve production and productivity of cashew through adoption of comprehensive production technology in an area of 25,000 ha. and adoption of pest control measures in 1,45,800 ha.

(iii) Setting up 40 regional nurseries to generate adequate clonal material of recommended varieties.